

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ISSUANCE OF A VIRGINIA WATER PROTECTION INDIVIDUAL PERMIT AND STATE**  
**CERTIFICATION UNDER THE STATE WATER CONTROL LAW**

Citizens may comment on a proposed permit that will allow the filling of wetlands and streams in the County of Culpeper in association with the construction of a two lane roadway, Route 784, on a new location between existing Route 522 and Route 729.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** June 5, 2015, to 5:00 p.m. on July 5, 2015

**PERMIT NAME:** Virginia Water Protection Permit

Persons that proposed to dredge, fill, excavate, withdraw water, or otherwise alter streams, rivers, lakes, ponds or wetlands must apply for this permit. Swamps and marshes are examples of wetlands. The applicant must submit the application for this permit for review by the Department of Environmental Quality, under the authority of the State Water Control Board.

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To invite the public to comment on the draft permit.

**NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER OF APPLICANT:** Virginia Department of Transportation  
Attn: Dianna C. Sheesley 1601 Orange Road Culpeper, VA 22701, Permit 14-4190

Permit Number: 14-4190

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Virginia Department of Transportation has applied for a permit to construct approximately 2.2 miles of two lane roadway, Route 784, on a new location between existing Route 522 and Route 729 in Culpeper County, Virginia. The proposed permit will allow the applicant to fill or otherwise alter wetlands and streams. The proposed activity would permanently affect 1.051 acres of wetlands and 1,841 linear feet of streams. The activity proposed in the permit will affect tributaries to Vaughn Branch, Rudasill Branch, and Bald Run, located in the Rappahannock River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. As compensation for these impacts, the permittee shall purchase 2,033 advance stream credits from Cannon Regional Environmental Bank in the Rappahannock River watershed, and 1.587 advance non-tidal wetland credits from Blackjack Mitigation Bank in the Rappahannock River watershed. DEQ's preliminary decision is to approve the permit.

**HOW A DECISION IS MADE:** After public comments have been considered and addressed by the permit or other means, DEQ will make the final decision unless there is a public hearing. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. If there is a public hearing, the State Water Control Board will make the final decision.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. The public also may request a public hearing.

**WRITTEN COMMENTS MUST INCLUDE:**

1. The names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the person commenting and of all people represented by the citizen.
2. If a public hearing is requested, the reason for holding a hearing, including associated concerns.
3. A brief, informal statement regarding the extent of the interest of the person commenting, including how the operation of the facility or activity affects the citizen.

**TO REVIEW THE DRAFT PERMIT AND APPLICATION:** The public may review the documents at the DEQ Central Office every work day by appointment.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION:

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## Public Notice Verification Form

Complete this form for the documentation of publication of the Public Notice for VWP Individual Permit No. 14-4190. Please return original to: Hannah Schul at Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, VWP Permit Program, PO Box 1105, Richmond, Virginia 23218.

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